

made to operate the unoperated contactor, wherein the guides act directly on the blocking element, and wherein essentially only compression forces occur in the blocking element as a result of an attempt to operate it.

2. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when an attempt is made to operate it, the blocking element is pressed underneath the operating region against at least one stop, such that the blocking element is supported on the at least one stop during the operating attempt.

3. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when an attempt is made to operate it, essentially only compression forces also occur in the guide of the unoperated contactor.

4. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein side surfaces of the contactors face one another, wherein the blocking element is arranged in a blocking element holder, and wherein the blocking element holder is arranged between the contactors.

5. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the blocking element is pivotable in a pivoting plane which runs at right angles to the side surfaces.

6. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the guides act on the blocking element in an operating direction, and wherein the operating direction runs parallel to the side surfaces.

7. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the blocking element holder is arranged at least partially recessed in the contactors.

8. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the side surfaces are adjacent to one another.

9. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the contactors each include one front face and one rear face, opposite the front face, and wherein the rear faces and the blocking element holder end flush with one another.

10. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as in claim 1, wherein the blocking element is in the form of a rotating cardioid.

11. (Amended) The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 10, wherein at least three load contacts can respectively be operated via the contact supports.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 12. The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein, when an attempt is made to operate it, essentially only compression forces also occur in the guide of the unoperated contactor.

13. The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein side surfaces of the contactors face one another, wherein the blocking element is arranged in a blocking element holder, and wherein the blocking element holder is arranged between the contactors.

14. The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein side surfaces of the contactors face one another, wherein the blocking element is arranged in a blocking element holder, and wherein the blocking element holder is arranged between the contactors.

15. The contactor arrangement as claimed in claim 5, wherein the guides act on the blocking element in an operating direction, and wherein the operating direction runs parallel to the side surfaces.